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OUTLINES.

The Senate passed the Cuban bill, 57 to 18. —— At the request of Minister Allen a war ship will be sent to Corean waters. —— Fire at Lawrenceville, Ga., destroyed property valued at over $30,000. —— Japanese statesmen in conference at Tokio are considering the adoption of a firm stand against Russia. —— W. A. McKowen, secretary of board of regents of the University of California, confesses to an embezzlement of $30,000. —— Two officers were shot and seriously injured near Dunn, Sampson county, N. C., while trying to arrest a man charged with destroying mail boxes. —— The report of Assistant Postmaster General Bristow is made public. —— White man arrested at Palatka, Fla., for murder at Lancaster, S. C. —— Great satisfaction is manifested in Havana at the passage of the reciprocity treaty. —— Gen. Taft has made an agreement by which the United States will acquire the Friars' lands in the Philippines for $7,210,000 —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 4½@5½ per cent., closing bid 4 per cent. and offered at 5 per cent.; cotton quiet at 12.45c; flour fairly active, closing steady; wheat—spot dull but firm; No. 2 red 89½c; corn—spot firm; No. 2, 53c; rosin steady; strained, common to good, $3 50@3 60; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture,
Weather Bureau,
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 16.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 28 degrees; 8 P. M., 38 degrees: maximum, 47 degrees; minimum, 27 degrees; mean, 37 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.09.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—For North Carolina: Fair Thursday and Friday and variable winds.

Port Almanac—December 17.

Sun Rises	7.04 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.47 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 43 M.
High Water at Southport	7.14 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	9.44 P. M.

The fire which occurred at Sandringham palace the other night revealed the fact that the Queen of England has a lady stenographer. If every queen in North Carolina had to have a stenographer, even the stenographers would have to have stenographers.

It was mentioned in the press dispatches the other day that a torpedo boat ran high and dry on the North Carolina coast. That a steam boat can run on land will be as surprising to Professor Langley as the fact that his flying machine turned out to be a diver instead of a flyer.

"An illustrated an diagramed presidential message might not read as nice, but it would appeal to the eye of the reader when he took it up."—*Macon Telegraph.* That's so; but, highly esteemed contemporary, you ran a narrow escape in having an awful typographic error in that paragraph. Just suppose the printer had set it up "inflated and dog-gramed" instead of illustrated and diagramed!

A senator who was being interviewed the other day on a question of great public importance, expressed his opinion, but said to the reporter: "I wouldn't like to be quoted." A man whose opinion is worth anything and hasn't got the courage to let it be known, is too poor a shoat to be sitting in a high place. Too many trimmers like that get positions by their adroit straddling or their knack of steering clear of the questions of the day.

The STAR now hopes that its brethren of the Democratic press will no longer reject the frantic protestations of the Republican press that we were justified in purloining the Panama canal after the manner of one who yearningly wants a thing. We are now convinced that Uncle Sam was acting in self defence. After Uncle Sam had aided the secession, Colombia, in a moment of rashness, called him a good for nothing Yankee galoot and drew a razor on him.

The New York *Sun*, which formerly was a Democratic paper, but which has been an avowed Republican sheet since the paper was sold, is evidently bent on having somebody else than Roosevelt as the party's nominee for President. The *Sun* severely attacks Roosevelt's administration every now and then, and is now putting the lash to one of the President's New York lieutenants, Governor Odell. Lay on, McDuff; we don't care a damaged cabbage.

THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Report of Treasurer for the Month of November, 1903.

Receipts—New Hanover county, $135; cash, 25c; Mrs. Joseph Price, $1; Mr. Wm. Nicolle, $4.50; cash, $15; Mrs. Junius Davis, $5; cash, $2; Mr. Martin Rathjen, $3; Mrs Elizabeth Latimer, $2.50; Mr. Wm. Latimer, $2 50; Mrs. Kate D. R. Meares, $5; cash, $3; Mrs. Donald MacRae, $50; Mr. A. D. Wessell, $2; Mrs. M. E. Horton, $4.85.

Expenses—Secretary's salary, $25; Catharine Kennedy Home, $12 50; groceries, $183.75; rent for those in need; $10; cash help, $3; janitor, $3; wood, $15; railroad fare, $7.08; shoes, $3; postage, 35c.

MAY ENJOIN THE COUNTIES.

Strenuous Objection Develops to Purchase of Blossom Ferry at Castle Haynes. Question Freely Discussed.

Using the ancient simile, "Like Banquo's ghost in the play of Hamlet," the ferry purchase question will not down. It divided time yesterday with the street discussion of the trolley car accident, the resignation of Capt. Meares, the dispensary issue and other live topics of the day. Varying opinions as to the advisability of the purchase were expressed but the weight of public sentiment appeared to be against it. The joint committee's recommendation to buy at $6,250 is, of course, subject to legal examination of the question of title and tenability of the franchise, consequently the action of the committee is not adversely criticised, but a majority of those with whom a reporter talked yesterday expressed a desire for a thorough investigation and an avoidance of paying $6,250 for a "mere bagatelle," if such a thing is possible.

Dr. E. Porter, a leading citizen of Pender county, was here yesterday returning to Rocky Point from a trip to his place in Onslow county, and with Jno. H. Gore, Jr., Esq., both of whom are strongly opposed to the purchase, made an investigation of the records at the Court House, finding that in January, 1883, the ferry with 1,000 acres of land was sold to Mr. Samuel Blossom, the present owner, for $500. Another well known attorney, however, said that he represented one of the parties in that sale and the consideration named in the deed was the result of a law suit and did not represent the value of the property. Mr. Gore and Dr. Porter also expressed the view that the Blossom franchise would not hold good in the courts. The charter was granted as far back as 1765 to one Benj. Herron, and the provisions of that charter was for a bridge, which was long maintained. The charter prescribed that a ferry might be run a reasonable length of time while the bridge structure was being replaced or repaired. Mr. Gore claims that by abandoning the bridge for the ferry permanently, the exclusive features of the charter were forfeited and there is now nothing to prohibit anyone from building or operating a ferry anywhere they choose. A fight was made against the building of the railroad bridge near the ferry long ago but the Supreme Court held that such a bridge was not in conflict with the prohibitory features of the charter.

Dr. Porter is of the opinion that the commissioners of the two counties will be enjoined if they attempt to pay $6,250 for the property according to the committee's recommendation. He says there is considerable objection in Pender.

"THE LITTLE MINISTER" PLEASING

Harris-Parkinson Company at Academy of Music—Saturday Matinee.

The widely known drama, "The Little Minister," in which Maud Adams starred so successfully several years ago, received a splendid production at the Academy last night by the Harris-Parkinson Company. Mr. Harris appeared to great advantage in the title role and Miss Marie La Tour was exceedingly clever and charming as "Lady Babbie."

The offering to-night will be "A True Kentuckian," a play highly favored with a delightful Southern romance and which has for its chief figure one of the inevitable colonels from the Blue Grass region. The only matinee of the week will begin Saturday afternoon, when the children's favorite, "Rip Van Winkle," will be presented.

PRETTY WEDDING AT SOUTHPORT.

Miss Weeks the Bride of Popular Rhode Islander—Bridal Tour.

In the presence of a large gathering of friends in Trinity M. E. Church, of Southport, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon Miss Laura DeClifford Weeks, a popular and attractive young woman of Southport, was married to Capt. James B. Church, Jr., of Tiverton, Rhode Island. The ceremony was performed in most impressive manner by the Rev. Euclid McWhorter, pastor of the congregation, and after the consummation of the happy event, Capt. and Mrs. Church received the sincere congratulations of very many friends. A number of handsome presents and telegrams of congratulation were received.

The bride and groom came up to Wilmington yesterday evening and were guests at The Orton until 7 o'clock when they left for an extended bridal tour North.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Mr. Mark A. Jones, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Jones, and Miss Rena Maud Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bryant Hall, all of Wilmington.

— Ammie Carter, colored, was bound over to Superior Court by Justice Fowler yesterday on a charge of seduction preferred by Mary Larkins, but he subsequently married the prosecutrix and was released from jail.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Masonic—Meeting Wil. Lodge.
Academy of Music—"A True Kentuckian.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

C. R., L. & P. Co.—Christmas present.
E. Warren & Son—Florida oranges.

AGED LADY RUN OVER

Frightful Trolley Car Accident at Second and Princess Streets Yesterday Morning.

MRS. PINER, THE VICTIM.

Widow of Confederate Soldier Perhaps Fatally Injured Under Distressing Circumstances—Motorman Arrested—Statement.

Oblivious of the approach of a car and her heart glad in anticipation of Christmas purchases she expected to make with a pittance of pension money she had just received from the Clerk of the Superior Court, Mrs. Elizabeth Piner, the aged widow of the late Lawrence Piner, a Confederate soldier, was knocked down and dragged some distance by Car No. 18, of the C. R., L. & P. Co., at Second and Princess streets at 9:40 o'clock yesterday morning. Both her feet were cut off and she sustained other injuries which are believed to be fatal, though her condition was reported as very favorable last night at the hospital, to which she was taken in the ambulance soon after the accident. It was found necessary to amputate both her limbs about midway between the ankle and knee and even should she recover, her condition would be pitiable indeed. She is seventy years of age, a woman of very small physique and was naturally in rather feeble condition.

There were several witnesses to the accident besides Motorman W. A. Smith and Conductor Jno. W. Scott, who were in charge of the car, but as usual, each one saw it from a different point of view. Mr. Frank T. Mills, who was at his stables on the corner, said the car came at high rate of speed and so far as he could tell, the motorman sounded no alarm. Mr. J. O. Brown, proprietor of the carriage shops on the corner diagonally across the street from Mills' stables, and Mr. J. R. Bruff, manager of the Wilmington Sewerage Co., saw the accident, but thought the car was not above the ordinary rate of speed. Mrs. Piner had just received her pension warrant of $14 at the Court House and accompanied by a colored woman, she was on her way down town to make some purchases. Two vehicles are said to have just crossed the track in front of the car, which was west bound, and Mrs. Piner followed them. Motorman Smith said she seemed to hesitate and stepped on the rail before he had time to stop. The colored woman narrowly escaped and Mrs. Piner was violently struck and thrown for some distance and then dragged a few feet on the rails. The motorman was beside himself and ran into Wright's real estate office to summon help. Messrs. Frank Green and Will Farrior, of Mills' stables, immediately in front of which the car stopped, took the woman from under the car and a few minutes later Chief of Police Furlong and Maj. Wm. F. Robertson removed her to the office of the stables where Drs. R. E. Zachary and D. W. Bullock administered sedatives and made her as comfortable as possible until the ambulance could arrive from the hospital in response to a summons from Chief Conductor Sheehan, of the C. R., L. & P. Co. At the hospital the amputation was by Drs. Bullock, Zachary and Harriss, the last named being surgeon in charge of the institution in the absence of Dr. Akerman.

Mrs. Piner lives at 823 South Front street and her late husband was a member of Co. C., 8th Regiment, N. C. Troops. He has been dead a number of years and the widow has been supported by her son, Mr. Will Piner, and two daughters, Misses Lena and Mary Piner, who are employed at the Wilmington Cotton Mills. The accident was a horrible one considering the advanced age of the woman, and men with stoutest hearts turned their heads when the mangled form was taken from under the wheels.

The accident was widely discussed on the streets yesterday. Opinions varied as to whether the consequences of the accident would have been less severe, had the car been equipped with a fender as required by law. One report from an apparently authoritative source, stated that the three children of the injured woman had received $500 each as a compensation for the damage. All the six cars of the company in use in the city were equipped with fenders before night, though it was stated that such would have been the case had the accident not occurred. A statement from officials of the company relative thereto is published below.

A few minutes after the accident Motorman Smith, of the car, was taken into custody by Chief of Police Furlong at Second and Princess streets. The motorman said he was on the way to the City Hall to give himself up. He had been in the employ of the company off and on since last January and a bond of $1,000 was required of him by Mayor Springer. It was given by Capt. Donald MacRae, brother of the president of the company. A warrant sworn out against the motorman charges criminal negligence under the common law. In the event the woman dies, the charge will be amended to manslaughter. However, the offence will have to be proven before he can be dealt with. City Attorney Wm. J. Bellamy represented the prosecution before the Mayor yesterday and Marsden Bellamy, Esq., represented the motorman, in behalf of the company. The case will be continued from day to day in the municipal court until the result of Mrs. Piner's injuries are known beyond a doubt.

THE COMPANY'S STATEMENT.

"The officials of the C. R. L. & P. Co. all express their deep regret at the unfortunate accident which occurred this morning. The motorman, who had been in the employ of the company for over a year, and was one of the most careful and experienced men in the employ of the company, did all in his power to stop his car, but although running very slowly at the time was unable to do so. It appears that Mrs. Piner had crossed the track, going towards Mill's stables, but in stepping back to avoid a vehicle was instantly struck by the car. The motorman saw that she had crossed and was clear of the track, and the car was then so close to her that no power could have stopped it.

"Whether or not a fender would have prevented the accident is doubtful. It is certain, however, that the company have done all in their power to provide fender equipment since it was decided that such apparatus would contribute to the safety of the public. The suburban cars have been operated with these safeguards for some time, but the city cars were lacking in certain parts of their fender equipment. These parts were expected on last week's steamer, but were, for some cause, delayed en route and only reached here yesterday. They were actually being hauled from the steamer wharf this morning at the time the accident happened and will at once be placed on the cars."

WILL CLOSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Merchants on Wharf Will Recede from Business Christmas Eve Till Monday.

The following wholesale dealers, brokers, commission merchants and other members of the Chamber of Commerce on the wharf have signed an agreement to close their places of business for the Christmas holidays from Thursday evening, Dec. 24th, until Monday morning, 28th: J. A. Taylor, McNair & Pearsall, J. C. Stevenson Co., S. P. McNair, J. H. Watters, Hall & Pearsall, Incorporated, The Worth Co., Wilmington Brokerage Co, Adrian Co., John R. Turrentine Co., R. H. Pickett, D. McEachern Co., The Wright-Price Co., Calder Bros., Hooper & French, E. M. Gregg, John T. Rankin, Brown Bros, H. L. Voliers, F. E. Hashagen Co. Others will sign the agreement later, which will mean that there will be practically a cessation of business on the wharf during the period named.

THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Cotton and Naval Stores—British Steamer Coming for Veneering Timber.

River steamer "City of Fayetteville" arrived and cleared yesterday for Fayetteville.

Spirits was firm yesterday at 35c. Rosin was firm at $2.10 per barrel. Cotton receipts yesterday were only 1,782 bales against 3,396 same day last year.

Schooner "Ida C. Southard," Capt. Blake, cleared yesterday with cargo of 555,623 feet of lumber consigned by the Angola Lumber Company to parties in New York.

Mr. Will L. Miller is advised that the British steamer "America," 1,515 tons, Capt. Scearf, sailed from Portland, Me., Tuesday morning and will be here Saturday for a cargo of gum logs which is now in readiness for the Acme Tea Chest Co., of Glasgow, Scotland.

CASE OF CARTWRIGHT WOMAN.

Dr. Akerman Will Discuss It Before Seaboard Medical Society in Norfolk.

Dr. Joseph Akerman, surgeon in charge of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, is attending a meeting of the Seaboard Medical Society in Norfolk, Va. While he is away Dr. A. H. Harriss is in charge of the hospital. Dr. Akerman will read before the meeting of Carolina and Virginia doctors a paper in which he will discuss the phenomenal case of the Cartwright woman, who put up such a desperate fight for life in the hospital recently while suffering with a bullet wound almost through and through her head. Dr. Akerman will also discuss one or two other remarkable cases which have come under his observation here.

TWO SMALL FIRES YESTERDAY.

Swann Street Residence Almost Totally Destroyed—Another Small Blaze.

The Fire Department responded to two alarms from box 17, Fifth and Nixon streets, yesterday afternoon. The first, at 1:50 P. M., was on account of a small blaze started from sparks from the chimney at No. 1004 North Fourth street, owned and occupied by Joe McCumber. The damage was about $5. The alarm at 4:20 P. M. was on account of the almost complete destruction of the dwelling of C. W. Futch at No. 412 Swann street. The fire started from a defective flue. Losses of about $100 on contents and $300 on the house were covered by insurance with J. VanB. Metts, a policy of $450 having been carried each on building and furniture.

Mr. C. Furber Jones Dead.

The Charlotte *Observer* chronicles the death of Mr. C. Furber Jones, special agent of the National Fire Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn., and well and favorably known to many Wilmington people. Mr. Jones died Tuesday night at 10:45 o'clock after an extended illness with pneumonia. He was the founder in 1894 of the well known Piedmont Fire Insurance Co., of Charlotte, and was prominently connected in Mecklenburg.

Fireman Has Fine Chickens.

Capt. W. P. Monroe is something of a poultry fancier as well as a fire fighter. At the show this week he captured first prize for the best partridge wyandotte cock and cockerel and third prize for the best hen and pullet of the same breed.

SHIPPERS PROTEST.

Removal of Seaboard's General Agent Here Much Exercises Business People.

PROTEST LARGELY SIGNED.

Chamber of Commerce Will Hold Special Meeting To-morrow to Give Expression of Sentiment of Community—Capt. Towsley.

The business community of Wilmington is much exercised over the peremptory removal by Superintendent R. W. Towsley, of Capt. Thomas D. Meares, general agent of the Seaboard Air Line in this city, who has been in the service of the Carolina Central and Seaboard companies since 1874 and who is prominent in commercial and social life here. In order to provide for a public expression of the sentiment of the community upon what is termed an unwarranted and pernicious act on the part of the Seaboard officials, forty shippers of the port at the instance of Mr. W. H. Brown, who was for 23 years associated with Capt. Meares in the employ of the company, yesterday signed a call for a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which President Taylor yesterday evening ordered to be assembled to-morrow morning at 11:30 o'clock. The call is published in full below.

The order of removal came in a personal letter to Capt. Meares from the superintendent's office in Raleigh Tuesday. Mr. Towsley says he has advice that it has been decided to make a change in the Wilmington agency on Jan. 1st, 1904, and that on that date Mr. F. B. Williamson, of Portsmouth, would be here to relieve Capt. Meares. The superintendent patronizingly offered Capt. Meares the agency at Lumberton at $70 per month. To the letter Capt. Meares replied by telegraph that he preferred not waiting until Jan. 1st; he was ready to settle with the company on the following morning. He at once suited his actions to his words and the affairs of the company are now in charge of Mr. F. C. West, chief clerk in the office. Mr. Towsley was at Hamlet last night, and it is presumed that he is on his way here to look after the company's interests. Capt. Meares is ready at any moment to make settlement. It was rumored on the streets yesterday that he would probably go to the Atlantic Coast Line. The call for the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is as follows:

WILMINGTON, N. C.

J. Allen Taylor, President of the Chamber of Commerce, City:

"DEAR SIR: We, the undersigned members of the Chamber of Commerce, respectfully request you to call a special meeting in order that we may give an expression of our views, as shippers and merchants, with reference to the action of the Seaboard Air Line in its removal of its local general agent here, Mr. Thomas D. Meares, all feeling that he has served the interests of this port and the S. A. L. system so efficiently that the shippers of freight in this section have a right to be heard by the Chamber upon the change in the management here, which may not benefit the interests of the port:

[Signed] Brown Bros., Wm. E Springer & Co., Holmes Grocery Co., S. & B. Solomon, J. C. Stevenson, Samuel Bear, Sr., & Sons., B. F. Mitchell Co., Walker Taylor, A. H. Zoeller, R. H. Pickett, Jas. I. Metts & Son, S. P. McNair, Jos. H. Watters, John R. Turrentine Co., Hooper & French, Wilmington Brokerage Co., J. H. Boatwright & Son, Standard Supply Co, The Worth Co., Hall & Pearsall, Jno. T. Rankin, The Wright Price Co., W. B. Cooper, Alex. Sprunt & Son, The Coal Cement & Supply Co., Murchison & Co., Morris Bear Bros., J. W. Murchison & Co., D. McEachern Co., J. Van B. Metts, F. Rhinestein, Morris Bear & Bros., Smith & Gilchrist, J. A. Taylor, H. K. Nash, Navassa Guano Co., per H. W. Malloy, president, B. F. Keith Co., Willard & Giles.

PRETTY AFTERNOON WEDDING.

Miss Julia T. Hand Married to Mr. Grover C. Bordeaux—Wedding Tour.

At the residence of the bride's mother, No. 832 South Fourth street, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Miss Julia T. Hand, the attractive young daughter of Mrs. Laura E. Hand and formerly one of the popular salesladies at the store of Capt. A. D. Brown, was happily married to Mr. Grover C. Bordeaux, son of Mrs. Lizzie Bordeaux, of Charlotte, and a clever young employe of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city.

The marriage was solemnized in the presence of a few friends and relatives of the bride and groom by the Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and after the ceremony the couple left on the afternoon Seaboard Air Line train for a wedding tour. Mr. and Mrs. Bordeaux will return in about ten days and make their home in this city.

JOE HILL ADJUDGED INSANE.

Negro Whose Popularity Ran Him Crazy. Will be Sent to Goldsboro.

A commission of lunacy, composed of Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, and Dr. W. D. McMillan, county superintendent of health, yesterday examined into the case of Joe Hill, the negro who has been giving several citizens annoyance by writing them letters and imploring them to desist from "talking about him." Hill was duly adjudged insane and was committed to jail, pending arrangements for his transfer to the hospital for the colored insane at Goldsboro.

APPEAL OF THE REGISTERS.

Noted Columbus County Murder Case Argued in Supreme Court Yesterday. Central Hospital for Insane.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 16.—The appeal of Jabel and H. B. Register, under sentence in Columbus county, to be respectively hanged and to serve life imprisonment for the murder of Jim Staley and Jesse Soles, was argued in the Supreme Court to-day. Hon. J. D. Bellamy, C. M. Bernard and Donald McRackan appeared for the prisoners, and Attorney General Gilmer and J. B. Schulken for the State. Counsel for the prisoners filed a letter from the chief prosecuting witness, Cross Edmondson, to Governor Aycock to the effect that he was coerced into swearing falsely against the Registers, who are innocent of the crime. Also affidavits of a number of other people were introduced to the effect that Edmondson was twelve miles away intoxicated at the time the crime was committed, thus corroborating Edmondson's letter to the Governor. Counter affidavits were filed by the State and all were ordered filed by the court.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Central Hospital for the Insane was held to-day. Supt. McKee reports 433 inmates with a cost per capita of maintenance for the year of $174. There is a decided gain over previous years. Every ward is filled and 103 urgent applications are on file. Expenses for the year were $89,438.

MRS. REESE NOT IRRESPONSIBLE.

Commission of Lunacy Failed to Adjudge Her Insane—Indictments Quashed.

Mrs. Mary Reese, the white woman who made a scene in Justice Fowler's court Monday by dropping on her knees and loudly invoking a Divine blessing again and again upon those who were prosecuting her for forcible trespass and assault and battery, was examined yesterday by a commission of lunacy composed of Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, and Dr. W. D. McMillan, county superintendent of health. Messrs. J. D. Sidbury and Jailor R. M. Capps were the only witnesses, the husband at whose instance the proceedings were brought having failed to appear, and the commission found that while Mrs. Reese was highly emotional at times she is perfectly harmless and in possession of her reason. The woman was released. Justice Fowler, under the circumstances, decided to quash the indictments against the woman upon the charges named.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. O. F. Asbury, of Charlotte, is at The Orton.

— Mrs. R. N. Nash went to Clinton yesterday on a visit.

— Mr. G. W. Taylor, of Jacksonville was here yesterday.

— Mr. Jno. B. Stronach, of Raleigh, arrived yesterday.

— Mr. R. P. Hinton, of Jacksonville, N. C., arrived yesterday.

— Mr. J. W. Carter, of Maxton, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

— Dr. W. H. Crowell and wife, of Burgaw, spent yesterday in the city.

— Messrs. C. A. Howard and S. D. Wait, of Raleigh, are at The Orton.

—Mr. Jno. T. Borden, of Charleston, U. S. steamboat inspector, arrived yesterday afternoon.

— Mr. J. J. Croswell, the popular Southern Express route agent, arrived last night from the South.

— Mr. Neal Moore, of South Washington, and Mr. G. W. Meadows, of Clarkton, were here yesterday.

— Miss Bessie Williams, who has been visiting Miss Cornelia Fillyaw, returned to her home at Mount Olive yesterday.

— Rev. J. B Shelton, of Chester, S. C., who preached last night at the First Baptist church, is at The Orton, the guest of Mr. W. C. Peterson.

— Messrs. D. Amati Richardson, Dave Wilson, W. Lee Harvey and Harrison went to Clinton yesterday to take part in a musical concert given there last night.

SEATS FOR BROOKLYN CHURCH.

Handsome New Furniture to be Placed at Once—Arrived Yesterday.

Within the next few days an expert from the factory will be here to install 48 handsome new oak seats in Brooklyn Baptist church. The furniture arrived yesterday from the Southern Seating and Cabinet Co., manufacturers of church, hall, bank and office fittings, Jackson, Tenn., and it was delivered at the building, southeast corner of Fourth and Brunswick street, ready for installation at once. The seats are handsomely finished and will add greatly to the already pretty interior of the new church.

Dawson Goes Free.

The case of F. F. Dawson, charged with forging checks and embezzling funds of Hackney Bros., buggy manufacturers of Wilson, came up before Judge Ferguson yesterday and a nolo contendere was accepted. It will be remembered that Dawson was charged with taking in all some ten thousand dollars, and after giving over his visible property to Messrs. Hackney Bros. went away to Mississippi from whence he was brought back for trial. He is now a free man.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. RULFS.

Services from Late Residence at 3 O'clock This Afternoon—The Interment.

The funeral of Miss Catharine Adeline Rulfs, wife of Mr. J. F. Rulfs, Sr., whose sad death was briefly noted yesterday morning, will be held from the late residence, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, this afternoon at 3 o'clock; thence to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church and Oakdale cemetery.

Mrs. Rulfs was in the 61st year of her age and was born at Blumenthal, Hanover, Germany. She came to Wilmington in 1859 and had lived here ever since. She was a consecrated member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, a devoted wife and mother. Her presence will be sadly missed in the circle of her friends and acquaintances.

POULTRY SHOW A SUCCESS.

Judging Will be Completed To-night. Much Interest in Exhibits.

Yesterday was a busy day at the Poultry Show. Mr. R. L. Simmons, the judge, had his hands full putting up the prize ribbons and the exhibitors were busy in ascertaining who won and who lost. Much interest centred in the white wyandotte exhibition which Mr. Simmons pronounces the best ever made in the State. The prizes in that class were about evenly divided between Messrs. W. H., A. O. and N. M. McEachern, J. A. P. Wolff and J. S. Jeffreys, the two last-named being out-of-town exhibitors.

The prizes have already been placed in most of the prominent classes but by to-night all the ribbons will be up. There are a number of side attractions all of which are attracting wide attention. The admission is 10 and 15 cents.

Real Estate Transfers.

By deed filed for record yesterday Oscar Pearsall transferred to B. F. Hall for one dollar and other valuable considerations six acres of land known as the Point Peter mill tract at the confluence of the Northeast and Northwest branches of the Cape Fear river, the purpose of the deed being to convey to the purchaser an undivided half interest in the land, making him the sole owner of the property.

Sale by St. Agnes' Guild.

The ladies of St. Agnes' Guild met with great success in their annual sale of dolls and fancy goods at No. 107 Market street yesterday. The place was crowded with enthusiastic buyers and a handsome line of goods was attractively displayed. However, a few articles were left over from the sale and they will be disposed of at the home of the president of the Guild, No. 308 North Third street.

St. John's Vestrymen.

The vestry of St. John's Episcopal church held its annual meeting Tuesday night. The vestrymen are Messrs. H. G. Smallbones, Washington Catlett, J. Hicks Bunting, Geo. S. LeGrand, Bertram Quelch and Thos. B. Willard. Mr. Smallbones was re-elected senior warden; Prof. Catlett junior warden; Mr. Quelch, clerk and Mr. LeGrand, treasuer.

Fell into a Fire.

Lizzie Sykes, colored, fell into the fire place at her home, No. 223 Davis street, yesterday and received severe burns for the treatment of which she was sent to the James Walker Memorial Hospital. Though badly burned, she was doing very well last night.

DIED.

RULFS—Yesterday morning at 1 o'clock, Mrs. CATHARINE ADELINE RULFS, aged 60 years 1 month and 25 days. Born at Blumenthal, Hanover, Germany.

Funeral will be held from her late residence, corner Fourth and Walnut streets to-day at 3 P. M., thence to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with interment in Oakdale.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MASONIC TEMPLE, Dec 15, 1903.
Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M
EMERGENT COMMUNICATION this (Thursday) evening at 8.00 o'clock for work in E. A. Degree.
Visiting Brethren cordially invited.
By order of W. M.
THOS. F. BAGLEY, Secretary.
dec 17 1t

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In a big scenic production of
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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 17.

WHAT WE NEED IN CIVIC LIFE.

This is a Utopian dream which we find in the St. Louis *Republic*:

"We need a few more protagonists in public life who will cleave to truth and purity and principle—the sort of optimists who cherish our governmental ideals, men who value mere politics less, men with a contempt for party success at the expense of right. And to re-enforce and uphold such leadership we need the 'educated citizen' at the polls; the man in private life who will look a bit beyond the sphere of his personal activities, who will follow with his interest issues affecting the common weal, who will give a thought to political maneuvers, who will bring a little of private intelligence into public decisions and carry an enlightened vote to primary and election. It is cheering to reflect that we are improving along both lines—leadership and citizenship. The public all over the United States, generally, is 'waking up'—not that it ever went to sleep; at worst it has been but listless and indifferent. With the public alert, politics and politicians improve inevitably. On the whole, prospects are excellent for the optimist and exceedingly dingy for the pessimist and carper."

The Republic has looked on the Missouri grafter's careering until it realizes what the country needs. If one of those protogonists were to wade in and try to cleave to truth and purity and principle, he would be chased out for his presumption in entering the wigwam of the Wamwams.

If, however, the protogonist waits till election day, it will be too late. He will first have to get into the political cliques and loiter around with the ringsters that fix things, or at any rate should get in his work at the primaries. To wait till after the primary would also be too late.

Seriously, however, if our best citizens, educated and upright men, will pay more attention to politics and awake to the conception that they have a public duty to peform, they would be doing a patriotic service to their country in the way of selecting the best men for office. Too many good men, yet poor citizens, are too busy to have anything to do with politics, lock their stores and go home instead of attending to their civic duties, thus leaving everything in the hands of those who fix the slates. They then do more than their share of the kicking.

After all, a very few men rule this or any other county. Practically speaking, a few men meet in convention and select the president, and then the people go to the polls and simply ratify the selection. It is pretty much the same way in all matters governing politics.

THE COLOR LINE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

The STAR a few days ago published the item going the rounds that a Jim Crow school house had been built in Sheffield, Mass. Now comes the Boston *Advertiser* in an effort to put the matter in another light. Says the *Advertiser*:

"Southern papers have expressed themselves in joyful strain to hear that the town of Sheffield, in Berkshire county, in this State, and a town just across the line in Connecticut, have district schools which are attended solely by colored boys and girls. Up to within the past year the colored children had been attending the same school as the children of white parents. The colored population have grown so that the colored children outnumbered the white. This year the leaders among the colored residents asked the school board in the town to give them a colored teacher, as they would like to have their children taught by one of their own class. The wish was granted. The school houses were built in the colored neighborhoods. This is the whole story. The colored people asked that the situation be as it is, and the only protests that have been received have been from the South."

After all it was tough on the Massachusetts white children and the teachers that the negroes wanted a teacher of their color and a separate school house. It seems that the negroes up North better know what suits them than do the negro philes themselves.

OIL FIELDS OF ROUMANIA.

The Standard Oil Company not only controls the oil interests in America but also in portions of Europe. Its latest attempt is to obtain a foothold in Roumania.

At a private meeting of the council of ministers M. Stouridza, president of the council, declared that the Americans had come to Roumania for the purpose of monopolizing the national petroleum industry and that they must prevent the country from submitting to any such economic yoke.

It is stated that the Standard Oil Company has now abandoned its intention of combining any of the existing oil concerns of Roumania, but that, believing the country has large and valuable oil fields at present undiscovered, the company will endeavor to obtain them for its European trade.

In order to save her dignity and honor, it looks as if Colombia is determined, like Spain, to put up a scrap of some sort, even if she gets licked. She is sore on the spot where Panama was so deftly lopped off in the operation which took place November 3d while Uncle Sam was holding the chloroform.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

In a moment of calm deliberation, with judgment unclouded and plumb on the trolley, we wish to note a passing strange coincidence before some other paragraphist scoops us on the observation. We mean no harm by making the discovery that Professor Bassett and the Rev. J. C. Massee have the same name, that is if you will take off the first and last three letters of Bassett and the first and last two letters of Massee.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— An eminent French writer asserts that American men are inclined to be shy and self-effacing. He never saw a bunch of them lined up a pie counter.—*Washington Post.*

—— Ex-Governor Candler, of Georgia, is for "any blankety blank Yankee that can beat Roosevelt." But even this fails to portray to the full the feeling of despair that pervades the Democratic mind.—*Chicago Tribune.*

—— Prof. Jenks has cabled that he has enlisted the cordial support of Japan in the project of putting China on a gold basis. When everybody else has agreed to the scheme, China will be notified what is expected of it.—*Indianapolis News.*

—— If Congress limits itself to the subjects recommended by the President there is no reason why the present session should not be a short one. Very little legislation is asked for in the message, and what is proposed is of a character that could afford little opportunity for opposition.—*Buffalo Express.*

—— Apparently the trustees of Trinity College, Raleigh, N. C., are bent on wrecking that institution. They have refused to accept the resignation of Professor Bassett, who wrote that Booker Washington is the greatest man the South has produced except Lee, putting this colored brother ahead of such people as George Washington, Stonewall Jackson, Jefferson Davis, James Monroe, John C. Calhoun, Andrew Jackson and all the other Southern white men who in every field of human endeavor have won distinction and achieved results. It is hard to imagine that any considerable number of Southern parents would wish to submit their sons to be trained by a man who thinks that or who is guilty of the worse offense of writing it and not thinking it. Where the trustees expect the future attendance on the college to come from with Professor Bassett there, we are at a loss to imagine.—*Richmond News-Leader.*

TWINKLINGS

— Towne: You say it's impossible for a woman to keep a secret. Browne: Yes. Towne: How about her age? Browne: She doesn't keep that a secret—she merely tries to.

— May—Last night was the happiest in my life. It brought me one round of pleasure. Fay—What do you consider "one round of pleasure?" May—An engagement ring.

— Miss Bella Koze—You deliberately cut me the other day, didn't you? Miss Kadley—Well—or—really, I didn't mean to— Miss Bella Koze—No, I suppose you couln't help cutting anybody; you've got such a hatchet-face.

— Miss Passay—I'm having just the loveliest gown made. It's dark blue cloth, with old rose trimming. Don't you think that will be becoming? Miss Speltz—Yes; the "old" rose will be especially appropriate for you.

— "Miss Gotrox," began Mr. Skeem, "I must confess that at last I've lost my heart, and you—" "My! That's too bad," she interrupted. "It's so small you can never hope to find it again."

— Maid—There's a man at the door, mum, an'— Mrs. Bluff (entertaining several ladies)—But I told you to say I was not at home to any other callers. Maid—O! told him that, mum, but he says he's not a caller, but a collector, mum; an' he won't go 'way.

— Tess—Miss Roxley wants her father to let her marry that broken-down English nobleman. Jess—Yes, but the old man has too much good sense. Tess—I understand the nobleman is an earl. Jess—Well, I'm afraid he'll be a regular belted earl if he ever speaks to the old man.

— Phamley—Goodart called on us the other day, and I never saw a man so stuck up in all my life. Newitt—Nonsense! that isn't his style at all. Phamley—I know, his style was simply ruined. He brought our children candy and held them on his lap while they ate it.

—Nagg—I thought you simply despised Mr. Greatman. Bragg—So I do. Nagg—Well, you were exceedingly pleasant when you were speaking to him yesterday. You used to boast that you always say what you think about a man. Bragg—Exactly, but—er—this time I merely said it under my breath.

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A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Chatham *Record*: In Weldon, Halifax county, recently in a liquor election white Democrats voted 18 colored men on the side of whiskey and defeated the white Democrats who favored temperance. This does not look so much like "white supremacy," does it?

— Raleigh *Times*: It is safe to say the Baptist University will start out next year free of debt. This is most fortunate. The school will start out with enlarged plans for the coming year. The trustees will endeavor in some way to accommodate all who may desire to attend the school next session.

— Durham *Herald*: It was learned yesterday from a reliable source that this week a survey will be made for a street railway from here to Chapel Hill. It will be constructed early next year—at least the work on the system will be begun then. From what is learned the work is to be done by the Durham Traction Company.

— Newbern *Journal*: The crews of the oyster schooners report that they had considerable difficulty in coming up the Neuse river from the sounds on Friday on account of the ice in the river. The schooners were heavily loaded and the ice threatened to stave in the sides of the boats, causing the vessels and men to proceed slowly and seek open water as much as possible. This heavy ice is unusual for this early in the winter season.

— Tarboro *Southerner*, Dec. 14: Ex-President Cleveland Sunday was in Rocky Mount, about an hour between trains. While there he was the guest of the Tuscasora Club. He was looking well, but not quite so fleshy as when he was president. Although nearing the three-score and ten mark time, but little of the snow of so many years was visible. He was very affable and talked on almost every subject except politics.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Who will be the Republican nominee for Governor next year? That is a matter that is being discussed among Republicans now, and those who express an opinion are so guarded in their statements that they preclude publication. But among the names of probable candidates are ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, Jr., of Greensboro, and V. S. Lusk, of Asheville. R. Z. Linney, of Taylorsville, is also mentioned, but it is assumed that Mr. Linney is in earnest in his declaration that he will stand for the Congressional nomination in the Eighth district.

— Statesville *Mascot*: That Statesville is to have a Carnegie public library is almost an assured fact. All that is required to establish the erection of the library is the donation to the city of a site for the building by some public-spirited citizen or citizens acceptable to the board of aldermen. Monday afternoon, at the monthly meeting of the board of aldermen, they voted unanimously to appropriate $500 annually for the maintenance of the library—10 per cent. of the amount asked for from Mr. Carnegie and the amount required by him, for him to make a gift to the city of $5,000 to erect the building.

— In an interview with a Charlotte *Observer* reporter on Monday, Mr. Thos. S. Rollins, of Marshall, N. C., chairman of the State Republican executive committee, said the Republicans will carry North Carolina easily next year. Said he: "They will carry it by a majority of the white vote. The negro vote! Oh, it will be smaller than last year, and half of it will go to the Democrats just as it did in the last election. Yes, we will elect every man from Governor down to the constables. And certainly we have good room for a wonderfully good campaign," said Mr. Rollins. "You see the Democrats increased taxes from 33 to about 70 per cent.; they passed the Watts bill and other bills of a general and local character that are equally as hurtful. Oh, there will be no trouble in running a successful campaign on these matters."

— Fayetteville *Observer*, Dec. 14: The baggage room of the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. station was entered this morning about 4 o'clock, and several satchels, etc., were stolen. The perpetrators of this robbery have been located, but, so far, have not been apprehended. One of the men is known to have left town early this morning, and all stations along the A. C. L. have been telegraphed to secure his arrest. Some of the stolen goods were found in the adjacent woods, and are now in possession of the sheriff. Disturbance in the city here and there was created last night, it is supposed by the suspicious negroes, who have been lurking about the suburbs for several days. At a late hour Deputy Sheriff Monaghan was called up by telephone three times, and notified that the negroes were still in the city, and had attempted to make entrance into several houses on Rowan and Hay streets, as well as on Haymount.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 22nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

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The Minister's Family.

At a conference of ministers of one of the smaller American denominations the question of the insufficiency of some of the salaries was being argued. One brother who was stationed at a mission post made a strong plea for an increase in salary. "To properly provide my family with the necessities," he said, "is a serious problem." "How many children have you?" asked a sympathetic brother of the cloth. "I have four boys, and each one has a sister," was the prompt reply. Immediately the sympathetic friend took the floor. "How is it possible that our brother can provide even the barest necessities for his eight children"— "I did not say I had eight children; the boys have the same sister."

A Defense of the Spanish Woman.

More awful rubbish is written about the people, especially the women, of Latin countries than of almost anything else. Take them all, the sparkling daughters of Andalusia, the nobly grave women of the Castiles, the enchanting Valencianas, the ruddy cheeked women of the Asturias and of Gallicia, the robust and wholesome Catalonians, the proud Aragonesas, and they make up a national grouping of women hard to surpass for charm and verve.—Mexican Herald.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr City of Fayetteville, Robeson, Fayetteville, T D Love.

CLEARED.

Schr Ida C Southard, Blake, New York, C D Mafflit.

Stmr City of Fayetteville, Robeson, Fayetteville, T D Love.

Clyde steamer Navahoe, Johnson, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Schr Ida C Southard, 565,628 feet lumber; cargo by Angola Lumber Co; vessel by C D Mafflit.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 17.

STEAMERS.

Devonshire, (Br) 2,364 tons, Coull, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Scarthoe, (Br) 3,535 tons, Hall, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Herald, 474 tons, Keyes, to master.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Mafflit.

Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, C D Mafflit.

Robt H Stevenson, 1,083 tons, Higbee, C D Mafflit.

C C Lister, 367 tons, Moore, C D Mafflit.

Wm P Hood, 632 tons, Philpot, C D Mafflit.

BRIGS.

Sullivan, 295 tons, McNeil, J T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Telefon, (Nor) 711 tons, Olsen, Heide & Co.

Kampfjord, (Nor) 743 tons, Christiansen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—50 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 32 barrels rosin, 195 barrels tar, 15 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—409 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 13 barrels tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,030 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 19 barrel rosin, 113 barrels tar, 48 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—194 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 31 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

W. & N. Railroad—53 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—22 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 116 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Sanders—24 bales cotton. 5 casks spirits turpentine.

Total—1,793 bales cotton, 37 casks spirits turpentine, 151 barrels rosin, 458 barrels tar, 72 barrels crude turpentine.

Old Friends

Are the Best.

Sometime ago I took what is known as a Summer cold. I tried several remedies, but without much relief. Finally, I resorted to my old standby, Cheney's Expectorant, and was cured by a few doses. I have great confidence in this remedy.

JOE HOWARD.

Macon, Miss.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 55c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $3.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 50½c; rosin steady at $1.30@1.35; tar firm at $1.40; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@3.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	27
Rosin	151
Tar	458
Crude turpentine	72

Receipts same day last year—45 casks spirits turpentine, 261 barrels rosin, 456 barrels tar, 27 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 12c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—1,732 bales; same day last year, 3,396.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 65@70c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 22@23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 35@40c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@28c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 40@45c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Money on call was steady at 4½@5½ per cent., closing bid 4 per cent., and offered at 5 per cent.; time loans slightly easier; sixty days, 6 per cent.; ninety days 6 per cent.; six months 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.85@485 for demand and 480.60@480 70 for sixty-day bills. The posted rates were 481@481½ and 484½@485. Commercial bills 480¾@480¾. Bar silver 55½. Mexican dollars 42. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 105½; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 106; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107½; do. coupon, 107½; U.S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133½; do. coupons 133½; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 113¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 87½; Chesapeake & Ohio 32¾; Manhattan L 141¾; New York Central 118¼; Reading 44¼; do. 1st preferred 76½; do. 2nd preferred 59½; St. Paul 142½; do. pref'd, 171½; Southern Railway 21; do. pref'd 77½; Amalgamated Copper 48; People's Gas 97¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 33; U. S. Leather 7¼; U. S. Leather, preferred, 76; Western Union 87; U. S. Steel 10¾; do. preferred 52¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 36¼ bid; Sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 93 bid; Sales — shares. Standard Oil 662.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 16.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 13@13¼; do. preferred, 21@23; do. bonds, fours, 73¼@72½. Atlantic Coast Line, common, —; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Rosin steady. Strained common to good $2 50@2 60. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 16.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55¼c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels: A, B, C, $2 10; D, $2 10, E, $2 10; F, $2 10; G, $2 15; H, $2 25; I, $2 45; K, $2 70; M, $2 80; N, $2 95; W G, $3,25; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 16.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 55½c; receipts 530 casks; sales 281 casks; exports — casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 5,124 barrels; sales 1,832 barrels; exports 575 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 20; D, $2 20; E, $2 20; F, $2 20; G, $2 25; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W $3 55.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of five points to a decline of one point, the gains being in sympathy with higher cables and further bullish advices as to the Southern spot situation, which, however, were more or less conflicting, and with receipts for the day promising to be large, the room element were inclined to take a bearish view of the immediate situation. There was consequently considerable cotton offering at the opening advance and shortly after the call the market had been depressed to about last night's figures. It was soon rallied again, however, by a renewal of moderate bull support and at one time showed a net advance of four to seven points, easing off again in the afternoon under further liquidation after which it ruled irregular but was steadied just before the close by demand, chiefly from Southern sources and finally was steady net two to five points higher. Total sales for the day were only 150,000 bales, showing the continuance of a holiday market, with most of the trading between the professional operators who seem satisfied with scalping for small turns. Port receipts for the day were higher than last year's and the estimates for to-morrow's movement were heavy. On the other hand exports were liberal, and the Southern spot markets were steady at generally unchanged prices.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Cotton quiet at 12.45c; net receipts 63 bales; gross receipts 5,993 bales; stock 69,931 bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 12.16, January 12.24, February 12.34, March 12.43, April 12.48, May 12.51, June 12.51, July 12.51, August 12.17.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 12.45; middling gulf 12.70c; sales — bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 49,187 bales; exports to Great Britain 16,618 bales; exports to France 829 bales; exports to the Continent 14,837 bales; Mexico 100 bales; stock 937,632 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 204,657 bales; exports to Great Britain 77,380 bales; exports to France 18,105 bales; exports to the Continent 60,930 bales; exports to Japan 2,256 bales; exports to Mexico 100 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,536,232 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,833,479 bales; exports to France 471,561 bales; exports to the Continent 1,841,340 bales; exports to Japan 19,208 bales; exports to Mexico 17,083 bales.

Dec 16.—Galveston, steady at 12 1-16, net receipts 02,415 bales; Norfolk, steady at 12¼c, net receipts 2,909 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 12.35c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 12 45, net receipts 126 bales; Wilmington, steady at 12c, net receipts 1,732 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 12.70c, net receipts 87 bales; Savannah, firm at 12¼, net receipts 6,559 bales; New Orleans, steady at 12 3-16c, net receipts 16,471 bales; Mobile, steady at 12c, net receipts 487 bales; Memphis, steady at 12c, net receipts 2,578 bales; Augusta, steady at 12¼c, net receipts 2,892 bales; Charleston, firm at 12c, net receipts 332 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Flour was fairly active, closing steady. Rye flour firm. Wheat—Spot dull but firm; No. 2 red 89¾c. Options opened steady. Later they rallied and closed strong and ¾@¾c net higher: May closed 85c; July closed 81¾c; December closed 90c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 53c. Options were again firm all day on scant offerings, closing ¾c higher: May closed 49¾c; December 53c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2 41¼c. Lard easy; Western steam $6 85; refined easy. Butter quiet; extra creamery 25c; State dairy 15@22. Cheese quiet; State, fullcream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3@5c. Potatoes strong; Long Island $2 12@2 37; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 25. Cabbage firm; domestic, per ton $20 00@30 00; per 100 $6 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Sugar—Raw firm; refined steady. Pork easy. Rice steady. Eggs strong; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 35c. Molasses firm. Cotton seed oil was firmer and higher, with prices closing as follows: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 28@29; prime summer yellow 36@36½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 39@40c; prime winter yellow 39@40c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Fresh indications of a curtailment in the Argentine exportable surplus and an increased foreign demand were influential in causing a net gain of ⅛c in May wheat here to day. Corn was ½c higher. Oats up ¼ to ⅜c. Provisions were weak.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Cash prices: Flour—Market dull. Wheat—No. 3 spring —; No. 3 spring 78@79c; No. 2 red 80¾@84¾c. Corn—No. 2 42½; No. 2 yellow 44c. Oats—No. 2 35¼c; No. 3 white 36@37c. Rye—No. 2 52c. Mess pork, quoted per bbl, $11 25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 32½@6 35. Short rib sides, loose, $6 00@6 25. Dry clear sides, boxed, $6 25@6 37½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short new, 78¼, 78¾, 77⅝, 78⅝c; May 81, 81⅛, 80¾@80⅞, 81¾@-1¼c; July 76, 76⅜, 75¾, 76¼@76⅜c. Corn—No. 2 December 41⅞, 42⅛, 41⅝@41¾, 42¼; May 43¾, 43¾, 43¼, 43⅝@43⅝c; July 43⅛, 43⅝@43⅝, 43 43⅜@43⅝c. Oats—No. 2 December 35, 35¼, 35, 35⅛c; May 36¼, 37, 36⅛@36⅝, 36⅞@37c; July 33⅞, 34, 33¾, 34c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $11 25, 11 25, 11 20, 11 25; May $11 55, 11 65, 11 55, 11 60. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 35, 6 35, 6 32½, 6 32½; May $6 55, 6 55, 6 50, 6 52½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 02½, 6 03½, 6 00, 6 03½; May $6 20, 6 23½, 6 17½, 6 20.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 6¾c nominal; mild firm. The market for coffee futures opened steady and 15 to 25 points lower. Trading was fairly active at the decline but at the lower level there was good support from the bull contingent. The market closed steady and 10 to 15 points lower. Sales 151,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business done; prices unchanged to two points higher; American middling fair 7.02d; good middling 6.86d; middling 6.76d; low middling 6.70d; good ordinary 6.60d; ordinary 6.40d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,500 bales American. Receipts 28,300 bales, all American.

Futures opened quiet and closed steady; American middling (g o c): December 6.66d; December and January 6.62d; January and February 6.58d; February and March 6.56@6.59d; March and April 6.55d; April and May 6.54d; May and June 6.53d; June and July 6.51d; July and August 6.48@6.49d; August and September 6.36d.

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Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county made in a State proceeding pending therein between Carolina Wise, Rosa L. Wise, Berta Wise, Carry Wise and Ella Wise as plaintiff's, and James McMillan as defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will expose for sale, to the highest bidder for cash, on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1905, at the Court House door, in the city of Wilmington, the following described property, beginning at the northwestern intersection of Nixon and Brooklyn streets, runs south with the west line of Brooklyn street 150 feet; thence west parallel with Nixon street 75 feet; thence north parallel with Brooklyn street 150 feet to the Southern line of Nixon street; thence east with said line of Nixon street 75 feet to be ining, being parts of lots one and two, Block 327.

T. E. BROWN,
Commissioner

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SEALED PROPOSALS

Will be received at the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer at the City Hall of the City of Wilmington until December 29th, at 11 A. M., at which time all bids will be opened.

The proposals above referred to shall be for furnishing the Fire Department of the city of Wilmington with one thousand feet of cotton Fire Hose; said hose shall be gum and wax treated and rubber lined, and shall be 2½ inches, internal diameter and in length fifty feet each.

Said hose shall be coupled complete with Wilmington Fire Department Standard Couplings, same thread as now used, pattern of which can be obtained by application to the Chief of the Fire Department of the city of Wilmington. Said hose shall be delivered F. O. B. Wilmington, N. C. The hose shall be capable of withstanding the pressure of four hundred pounds to the square inch when delivered and must be guaranteed not to fail in efficiency within five years after date of purchase

All bids shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Fire Committee of the City of Wilmington, N. C., care of the City Clerk and Treasurer, and shall be endorsed thereon with the name of the bidder and the address of same.

Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

P. Q. MOORE,
Chairman of the Fire Committee of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington. dec 16 3t

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Will be received at the City Clerk and Treasurer's office in the City Hall of the City of Wilmington until 11 A. M. December 29th, for the purpose of furnishing and equipping a Fire Boat to be used by the City of Wilmington. All bids must conform strictly to the terms and conditions set forth in the contract approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington on December 6th, 1903; a copy of which may be seen by application to the City Clerk and Treasurer. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. All bids must be addressed to the Chairman of the Fire Committee of the City of Wilmington and deposited in the City Clerk and Treasurer's office before 11 A. M. December 29th, and must have endorsed thereon the name of the bidder and the address of same.

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SHIPPERS NOTICE.

The Steamer Highlander will leave Mondays and Thursdays, and the Steamer City of Fayetteville Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 P. M. for Fayetteville. Gate will close at 3:30 P. M., and no freight will be received for steamer leaving at 4 after 3:30.

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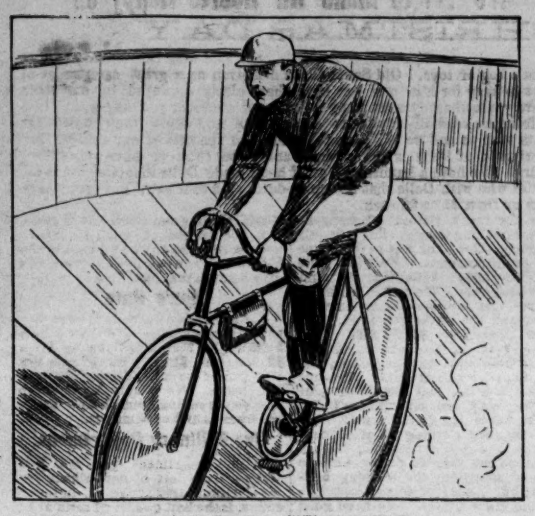

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SELECTIONS

BATTLING WITH RATS.

A Woman's Awful Eight Hours' Experience In a Culvert.

An experience terrible enough to have been imagined by Edgar Allan Poe has befallen Mrs. Sarah Hart of Paisley.

She had been working in the fields and was on her way home on Saturday night when she mistook her way and by some means which she is unable to explain fell in a small stream which runs into the river Cart.

Owing to the recent heavy rains the stream was in flood and was rushing along like a mountain torrent. At a little distance down its course from Paisley the stream enters a culvert which is practically a sewer.

Swept into this tunnel, Mrs. Hart made frantic efforts to seize on something that would stay her progress and ultimately succeeded in gripping a projecting stone on which, with a struggle, she found herself able to sit and rest.

In terror of the darkness and the rush of water she resolved to make an effort to fight against the stream and get out of the culvert. The flood, however, was too strong for her, and she was again swept back. She caught once more at the stone which she had just quitted and resolved to remain there for the night.

Then for the first time she found that the culvert was full of water rats. There must have been scores of them, she says, for they swarmed all over her, attacked her furiously and tore her clothing to rags.

For nearly eight hours she did battle with the rodents and spent a night of such intolerable agony that at length she gave up, exhausted, and, falling again into the stream, was carried out of the culvert and into the river Cart.

Here she recovered sufficiently to enable her to clutch at a plank, and at 7 o'clock in the morning, more dead than alive and quite unconscious, she was rescued by a constable.

At the police station restoratives were applied, and when she recovered consciousness she told the story of her terrible experience. She was given nourishment and dry clothing and was subsequently sent home.—London Express.

Typical American Woman.

Outside the ranks of rising young actresses few women have met with such a procession of interesting accidents as the Baroness von Leyden. As a child she helped an aged man who had fallen in the street, and he left her a fortune. Then she lost herself in a Hungarian forest and was found by the German baron who married her. Next she was captured in a crater by Italian brigands, but was rescued by carabinieri and rewarded for delaying her captors. Then she lost her way in China and found the jeweled eye of a Buddha, which she returned to its owners, to be again rewarded. Later on she was attacked by a mad dog, but the brute fastened his teeth in an ivory bracelet, and she remained unhurt. Yet again she was captured by brigands in Macedonia, but was released and sent on a secret mission by the band. Her latest adventure involves the czar. He was shooting somewhere when the baroness providentially got within range, and the result is an imperial gift as solace for a scratch on the shoulder. The lady, it is almost needless to say, is an American.—London Tatler.

Quaint Utah Customs.

Among the most picturesque festivities in the whole United States is the Old Folks' day of Utah. It is an annual event and takes place usually in June or July, when the air is warm, for on that day the most aged in the state come out of their homes to visit the state capital. The celebration is always held in Salt Lake City and is conducted by a committee appointed for the purpose. The old people from all parts of the state are decorated with badges which entitle them to visit all the places of amusement and to ride on the street cars free of cost. The pioneers of 1847, those who were the first arrivals in Utah, are the most honored and wear badges of distinction. At the last Old Folks' day there were music and speaking and afterward a cake walk for the pioneers. To see this the merrymakers all crowded eagerly about, forming a circle.—Leslie's Weekly.

Irish Landlords.

Talk of the Irish land purchase bill renders interesting the names of big Irish landlords and the size of their estates. Of the landlords at the recent Dublin conference Lord Barrymore owns 21,000 acres and Colonel Saunderson 12,362. There are twenty-two Irish landlords owning more than 50,000 acres, two of them—the Duke of Devonshire and the Marquis of Lansdowne—being members of the present British ministry. The marquis, with his 121,240 acres, would seem to be, in point of acreage possessed, the largest Irish landlord. Another cabinet minister who is widely regarded as a typical Irish landlord is the Marquis of Londonderry, who shows quite small by the side of his brother marquis, for he owns 27,416 acres only, but as they are in Ulster they produce over $150,000 a year.

Art.

"No," said Mr. Newrocks; "I think it's the Venus de Milo that hasn't any arms."

"Is it?" said Mrs. Newrocks. "I thought it was the Venus le Medicine. And I wonder why they made it without arms?"

"Well, I don't know exactly, but I rather suspect it was an advertising dodge, and a mighty shrewd one at that. I'm sure that statue has been a great deal more talked about than if its arms were there all right."

Precept and Example.

The small boy seemed to be deeply interested in the picture.

"Pop," he said at last, "when we went rowin' last summer you used to tell me never to stand up in the boat."

"That's right, my son."

"An' you're always tellin' me to take George Washin'ton as a model."

"You could have no better, my son."

"Well, just look at him crossin' the Delaware."—Chicago Post.

Shattered.

"That grocer of ours speaks the most fragmentary English of any one I ever heard," said Mr. Precise.

"You mean 'broken English,' my dear," corrected Mrs. Precise. "You know he is a German."

"I mean fragmentary," repeated Mr. Precise. "The man stutters."—Judge.

A Slander.

"See here!" said the city editor. "You speak of the bride as being 'led to the altar.'"

"Yes, sir. What of it?" replied the reporter.

"What of it? Why, it's nonsense. There was never a bride yet who couldn't find her way there, no matter what were the obstacles."—London Tit-Bits.

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Mistaken.

"Wasn't that horse of yours a race horse once?"

"Not exactly, but I thought he was."—San Francisco Examiner.

Such Luck!

Hunter—What a nuisance that it's the closed season for bears and I can't shoot!—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Why, of Course.

Stella—What would you say if Charlie gave me an engagement ring?

Bella—I'd call it a left handed compliment.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

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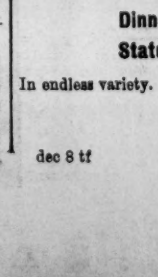
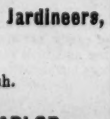


The Toy annex opposite the Big Store is brim-ful of all kinds of Toys for the happiness of THE LITTLE FOLKS.



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Our regular interest quarter begins Tuesday, December 1st, and money deposited with us on or before that date will receive credit for three months interest on the first day of March, 1904. We pay at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Murchison National Bank,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1899)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,131,992 44	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	350 00 00	Surplus and net profits	104,808 60
Bank Building	20,500 00	Circulation	2 0.00 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	712 1-6 24	Deposits	1,697,149 98
	$2 229,658 98		$2,229,658 98

Comparative statement of deposits.

Nov. 17th, 1901, $672,308 83. Nov. 17th, 1902, $31,164,002 05 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,697,149 83.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,

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For Xmas Presents.

Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Tea Sets, Jardineers, Statuary, Fancy Vases, Cut Glass

In endless variety. Place your orders now to avoid the rush.

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IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT

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Brass Fenders in several designs, $5, $6, $7 50 and $8.75.

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Brass Five Sets, Stand, Shovel, Tongs and Poker, $5 $6 and $8 50.

Guns, single and double barrel, $5 to $35.00.

Hunting Coats-Vest, Leggins in Canvas and Leather.

A large assortment Pocket Knives in Pearl and Horn Handles, blades of very best quality of steel.

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Excellent quality. Very low price.

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SCHEDULE

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,

LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE,

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*† 7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.10 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
*† 6 10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 3 P. M. trips. Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or bulky freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 13 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m, arrive Lumberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6:45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 2:15 a m, Pembroke 2.55 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 5:50 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 9:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:09 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 55 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 20 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	3 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	3 30 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m	
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 50 a m	
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m	
Ar Portsmouth	8 00 a m	5 35 p m	
Ar Norfolk			
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m	
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 15 a m	
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m	
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 50 p m	
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 36 p m	
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 35 p m	
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 13 p m	

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C. sep 4 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 02 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 23 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	2 35 p m	12 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	3 21 p m	1 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	5 30 a m
Ar Washington	9 05 p m	7 45 a m
Ar Baltimore	9 42 p m	11 46 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 27 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 15 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 56 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 12 p m	2 27 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 06 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 42 p m	11 46 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 27 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 15 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	9 35 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	10 35 p m	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	7 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 35 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 30 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 35 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	6 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.
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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Passe'r Trains Arrive	Passe'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Passe'r Trains Arrive	Passe'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 00	.....
.....	4 02	Kinston	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	3 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 07
P. M	P. M.		A M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3 00 P. M., and with W & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 5.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

a oct 28 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

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NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Dec. 26

From Wilmington to New York.

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CARIB.....Tuesday, Dec. 22

Both Steamers have good Passenger accommodation.

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To Excursionists.

The first thing you should do on your arrival in Wilmington is to have a clean, easy shave, or a stylish hair-cut, or a cool and refreshing shampoo. Possibly, you may need all of these comforts.

"The Favorite" Barber Shop is the place.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 17.

THE ALEXANDRETTA AFFAIR.

A Warship to be Placed at the Disposal of U. S. Consul Davis—Reparation to be Demanded of Turkey.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—As a result of Minister Leischman's advices respecting the Alexandretta affair, the State Department has requested the Navy Department to place a warship at the disposal of Consul Davis, now at Beirut, upon which he might return to Alexandretta at his pleasure. The Navy Department accordingly cabled instructions to Admiral Cotton, on board the flagship Brooklyn, at Alexandria, Egypt, to place a vessel at the disposal of Mr. Davis. It is believed the Brooklyn will be selected. It is left to the consul to arrange the terms of his reception.

Acting Secretary of State Adee has taken a firm stand in the matter of the assault upon United States Consul Davis by Turkish officials and police at Alexandretta. He has cabled Minister Leischman to present the facts to the Turkish government and inform that government that the case is one seeming to invite an expression of regret and reparation. The State Department does not indicate what measure of reparation is expected, but it is understood the Turkish government certainly will by removal or otherwise punish the offending Turkish officials at Alexandretta and compensate Att Rian for the losses and injuries he has sustained. The Turkish government is willing to compensate Att Rian and deport him. It is understood that the main offence is the assault upon the United States consul, a matter of grave international law. The information that has reached the department is to the effect that Mr. Davis was acting within his rights and powers and that while engaged in protecting, as was his duty, a naturalized American citizen, he was set upon by five Turkish policemen, and dragged along the ground. It also appears incidentally that upon recovering his footing the consul promptly and soundly thrashed all five of the policemen.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

President Williams' Inspection Trip Over the Company's Lines in the South. Conditions Encouraging.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 16.—President John Skelton Williams, of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, returned to the city to-day, after a two weeks' inspection trip over the company's lines in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama. Mr. Williams was accompanied on the inspection by Directors James A. Blair, of New York, and T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., of Boston, and part of the time by Mr. Thomas F. Ryan, of New York.

This afternoon Mr. Williams gave out an interview, in which, after speaking most enthusiastically of the business, banking, industrial and agricultural conditions in the South, he said the vagrancy laws of Georgia and Alabama are rapidly eliminating the idle negro and converting him into a useful member of society. They have helped the Seaboard Air Line railway in the construction work, and our contractors have been able to keep themselves pretty well supplied with labor.

"Everywhere in the South the opening of the isthmian canal is earnestly looked forward to, and it should not be long after the opening of this canal when the Southern States, with their magnificent ports, must attract the commerce of the world.

CAUCUS RULES.

Democratic Senators to Vote Together on Party Questions.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Democratic senators continued their conference to-day with a view of reaching a conclusion on the course to be pursued regarding legislation. They decided that the caucus action in deciding that Democratic senators should vote together on party questions in the future should not be binding in the vote on the Cuban bill, but that each senator should vote as he might prefer on that measure. The conference also decided to postpone its decision as to the course to be pursued with reference to the Panama canal treaty, and decided to hold other meetings for the consideration of that and other questions as they may come up.

JAPANESE CONFERENCE.

Statesmen Considering the Adoption of a Firm Stand Against Russia,

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TOKIO, JAPAN, Dec. 16.—In consequence of Russia's reply, a special conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito and the cabinet ministers, is proceeding here to-day. It is understood that the statesmen are considering the adoption of a firm stand against Russia. General Kodama, the war minister, was present for the first time at the conference.

There is renewed activity at the admiralty, in view of a possible naval demonstration.

A party of twenty persons from South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan and Illinois have reached Mobile en route to Cuba, where they have purchased 24 000 acres of grazing land and 48,000 acres of timber land in Puerto Principe province. They will locate there.

Quality is what makes price. If Burnett's Vanilla Extract was no better than other extracts its price would be the same. Once tried always used.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema nd Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

POSTAL FRAUDS INVESTIGATIONS.

Full Report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow Made Public.

MANY NEW FACTS REVEALED

Profligate Expenditures Exposed—Generals Heath and Beavers—Clerks Illegally Appointed — Contracts With Congressmen.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The full report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow was made public today with the exception of the exhibits, which are withheld because of the pending criminal cases.

The report reveals many new facts brought out by the months of investigations and not embodied in the official abstract made public a fortnight ago. The report speaks of profligate expenditures for Bundy time recorders. It states that Hugh McK. Landon, secretary of a pneumatic cancelling machine company, testified during the investigation that in this city, in 1902, where he came for orders, Beavers referred him to a clerk named H. Clayton Graff, "as the man to do business with," and that in a personal conversation Graff said, "You know none of us are here for our health. The government is not liberal in the matter of its salaries and it costs much to live in Washington."

Edward S. Allen, now a clerk at the Cleveland, O., postoffice, testified that reports he made on the merits of the Hampden cancelling machine were not satisfactory to First Assistant Postmaster General Heath, or to Beavers, and says he was plainly advised that it was Mr. Heath's desire that these machines be installed and the desire of Mr. Beavers "and the general" that he do less talking derogatory to the machine. The machines proved worthless. The report says that H. J. Truesdell, of Binghamton, N. Y., of the cancelling machine company, told the inspectors that before the order was given for 100 Doremus cancelling machines, 200 shares ($20,000 worth) of the stock of the company was transferred to First Assistant Postmaster General Heath, Heath promising to order not less than 300 machines at $225 each. Truesdell said that the stock was later bought back from Heath. The evidence against Heath was submitted to the grand jury here, but the district attorney decided that it was not sufficient to warrant indictments.

The report describes the efforts of H. H. Rand, of the postmaster general's office, to sell stock in a mining company to postoffice employes, and gives evidench that Rand used government clerks in transacting private business.

Regarding the sale of promotions in New York and Jersey City the report mentions Bayonne, N. J., as also involved and says that while Otto F. Weis, the registry clerk at New York, now dismissed, and an intimate friend of Beavers, says he collected from $8,000 to $10,000 for the "legislative fund" for the clerks, Weis stated that he used about $8,000 of this money for expenses and that the balance, $6,000 or $7,000, he paid to Benjamin Parkhurst "an intimate friend of Beavers."

These facts were submitted to the grand jury here in May, but the district attorney recommended against prosecution on the ground of insufficient evidence, and further effort toward criminal process against Beavers and Weis in this case was dropped when on May 31st last, the statute of limitations operated in Beaver's case.

The report names a number of instances where clerks were appointed on order of Beavers, against the wishes of the postmasters. These clerks performed but meagre service. Minerva Jeffrey, the report continues, was a $600 clerk at Fredonia, N. Y., for the first five months in 1899, though she did no work there, the postmaster never saw her, he says, and her payments were sent by check to Washington and deposited in Beaver's personal bank account.

Regarding contracts with congressmen for leases of postoffice premises, the report says:

"There is no evidence to indicate that Beavers' reckless and high-handed proceedings in the matter of leases was the result of any general scheme of corruption or blackmail on his part. His purpose seems to have been to place members of Congress and influential politicians under personal obligations to him."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The report of Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte, on their examination of the Bristow report endorses that report generally, but non-concurs as to certain passages and recommends prompt publication of the report. The Bristow report in referring to a transaction says: "The question of the legality of a contract with a Senator-elect is a matter that should receive consideration in connection with this case."

Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte suggested that the senator-elect's name and the material facts in the transaction should have been given. They also say that the omission of the names of the members of Congress with whom Mr. Bristow generally says Beavers made contracts for the rental of premises is hardly just to congressmen generally.

Juries In the Old Days.

In olden times when a jury in England remained impervious to the judge's gentle mode of persuasion fine and imprisonment were resorted to. The jury that acquitted Sir Nicholas Throckmorton was condemned to eight months' imprisonment in addition to the payment of a large sum of money. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth a jury, having reduced a prisoner's alleged crime of murder to that of manslaughter, was at once sent to prison and bound over in a large sum to be of good behavior. Penalties were likewise inflicted upon the innocent wife and children of the offending jurymen. Even now it is believed by some legal authorities that a judge has the right to inflict a fine upon a juryman refusing to obey his directions. Such power is, however, not exercised except in the case of a juror absenting himself without a justifiable cause. Of this practice there is the following story: A judge had fined a juryman for nonattendance. On hearing that he had been unable to be present because of his wife's funeral the judge, whose wife was said to be not of a particularly gentle nature, exclaimed: "Has he? That was a good excuse indeed. I wish we all had the same!"

Curious Plant Freak.

A curious freak of vegetable growth was discovered in the cellar of R. H. Peck's house in Morrisville, Vt. A blackberry root leading from the garden of W. G. McClintock invaded the cellar, but instead of remaining a root it sent out branches with leaves, the full growth reaching a length of fifteen feet.

ADVICES FROM THE ISTHMUS.

Cruiser Dixie Landing Marines and Stores. Rifles and Ammunition for the Panama Government.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

COLON, Dec. 16.—The U. S. auxiliary cruiser Dixie is along side the dock here, landing stores, Christmas cheer, etc. She disembarked her marines, numbering 380 this morning. They all left by train for Empire station, near Panama, where they will be quartered in the canal company's houses. Sixteen machine guns accompanied the marines. The Dixie will sail for Philadelphia to-day.

It is probable that the remainder of the marines on the Prairie will be landed in a day or two.

The Panama government received yesterday by the steamer Alliance 500 cases of Mauser and Remington cartridges, twenty-five cases of rifles and other war material.

The auxiliary cruiser Mayflower is alongside the dock coaling. The gunboat Bancroft has returned from Nombre de Dios. The United States cruiser Atlanta is still cruising along the coast.

TWO OFFICERS SHOT.

While Attempting to Arrest Man Charged With Destroying Mail Boxes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 16.—Deputy Marshal A. F. Surles and Deputy Sheriff B. G. E. Daughtry were shot and seriously injured last night near Dunn, Sampson county, N. C., while attempting to apprehend W. A. Gotier, whose presence is desired at the present term of the Federal court for destroying mail boxes. Gotier failed to answer at Raleigh when the case was called and Surles was sent with a capias to make the arrest. Upon reaching his house last night the officers were met by a fusilade from within, which continued until Gotier's ammunition was exhausted. After great difficulty he was apprehended and brought here to-day. Surles, a very brave officer, was shot through the arm and the ball lodged in his breast. Daughtry was shot in the abdomen and his condition is quite serious.

DEFAULTER'S CONFESSION.

Secretary of Board of Regents of University of California Embezzled $20,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BERKELEY, CAL., Dec. 16.—W. A. McKowen, secretary of the board of regents of the State University, confessed to-day to President Benj. Ide Wheeler that he was a defaulter to the amount of $20,000 and possibly more. Most of the money was lost at the race track. Mr. McKowen has been suspended by President Wheeler and placed under arrest by the local authorities.

Secretary McKowen's arrest followed the discovery that he had attempted to pay a racing debt with a check made out to him personally by Mrs. Phœbe Hearst. McKowen has been in the University about twenty years, is unmarried and about 40 years of age. His salary was $2,400 a year.

FOR COREAN WATERS.

A Warship to be Sent at the Request of Minister Allen.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—At the request of Minister Allen, at Seoul, who reports considerable uneasiness and rioting in Corea, the State Department has suggested to the Navy Department that a warship be sent to Corean waters. It is probable that the Wilmington will be detailed for this purpose.

The Cry of the Loon.

The cry of the loon is one of the strangest, weirdest sounds in nature. Those who have heard it can scarcely wonder that it has so often been woven into song and legend.

A blood red ring hung round the moon,
Hung round the moon. Ah, me! Ah, me!
I heard the piping of the loon,
A wounded loon. Ah, me!
And yet the eagle feathers rare
I, trembling, wove in my brave's hair.

Almost all writers who have attempted to describe the cry of this bird have likened it to unmirthful laughter. Thus Mr. Vernon Bailey, speaking of the sound, describes it as follows: "Only on the lonely lake in the heart of the woods do you get the startling thrill of the loon's wild cry—one clear, piercing note or a long, quavering, demoniacal laugh that to the timid suggests a herd of screaming panthers."

Cut Off Their Hair.

A procession of the unemployed that took place in London in 1764 did not meet with any great success or public sympathy. In that year wigs went out of fashion, and the wig makers of London were thrown out of work and reduced to distress. They petitioned George III. to compel gentlemen to wear wigs by law. As the wig makers went in procession to St. James' to present their petition it was noticed that most of those persons who wanted to compel other people to wear wigs wore no wigs themselves. This striking the London mob as very inconsistent, they seized the processionists and forcibly cut off all their hair.—London Express.

Voice and Art.

"Why in the name of all the saints," asked the master, "have you come back to Bologna—you, the most accomplished singer in the world?"

"Because," said the pupil—"because—because, dear master, I feel that I don't yet really know how to sing."

"My son," was the reply, "that is what none of us shall ever know on this earth. In the next world there may be more time, for when we are young we have the voice, but not the art, and when we are old we have the art, but not the voice."

Genius and Goodness.

I have had sometimes in mine the gloved and white palm of the upper class and the heavy, black hand of the lower class and have recognized that both are but of men. After all these have passed before me I say that humanity has a synonym equality and that under heaven there is but one thing we ought to bow to, genius, and the only thing before which we ought to kneel, goodness.—Victor Hugo.

He Was Economical.

Blossom—Why did you break with young Holdfaste? I understood he was a very careful, economical young man.

Flossie—No doubt of it. The last time he called on me he brought a bag of candy, sat and munched it all evening and took home with him all that was left.—Baltimore American.

Quite Unlike.

"Why, George, what an enormous pile of letters!" exclaimed the bride of a week. "Billets doux, I suppose."

"No, my dear," replied the other half of the sketch. "They are billies overdue."—Chicago News.

SENATE PASSED THE CUBAN BILL.

Final Vote Taken After the Close of a Long Debate on the Measure.

BAILEY OPPOSED THE BILL.

Provides for 20 Per Cent. Reduction on Cuban Articles Imported Into U. S. and 20 to 40 Per Cent. Reduction on Articles from U. S.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—By the decisive vote of 57 to 18 the Senate to-day passed the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba.

The final vote was taken at the close of a day which was marked by a debate which, while at all times animated was never acrimonious. The principal speeches were made by Mr. Spooner for the bill and by Mr. Bailey against it. Both senators were subjected to frequent interruptions. In his remarks Mr. Bailey referred to the recent agreement of the Democratic caucus to stand solidly on party questions and warned the Republicans that in the future they could not depend on straggling Democratic votes in support of Republican party measures, regardless of whether they were or not in accord with Democratic doctrine.

The vote in detail was as follows:

Yeas—Aldrich, Alger, Allee, Allison, Ankeny, Bacon, Ball, Beveridge, Blackburn, Burnham, Burrows, Burton, Clapp, Clark (Wyoming), Clay, Cockrill, Cullom, Depew, Dillingham, Dolliver, Dryden, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster, (Wash) Frye, Fulton, Gallinger, Gorman, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Heyburn, Hoar, Hopkins, Kean, Lodge, Long, Mc Comas, McCreary, McCumber, Mitchell, Nelson, Overman, Penrose, Perkins, Platt (Connecticut), Platt, (New York), Proctor, Quarles, Scott, Simmons, Smoot, Spooner, Stewart, Stone, Wetmore—fifty-seven.

Nays—Bailey, Bard, Bate, Barry, Carmack, Culberson, Daniel, DuBois, Foster (Louisiana); McEnery, McLaurin, Mallery, Martin, Newlands, Pettus, Taliaferro, Teller, Tillman—eighteen.

The bill passed carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Cuba, which was ratified last March. The treaty provides for a reduction of twenty per cent. from the rates of duty under the Dingley law on all Cuban articles imported into the United States and a reduction of from 20 to 40 per cent. from the established Cuban duty on articles imported into Cuba from the United States.

After the passage of the Cuban bill the Senate agreed to the House resolution providing for a holiday recess from December 19 to January 4.

Mr. Spooner, in his speech, spoke of the varying positions of the opponents of the bill, and especially of the introduction of the Newlands resolution, inviting Cuba to become a part of the United States, deprecating it and saying that he hoped it would be postponed indefinitely, because, he said, sometimes invitations are regarded as commands.

"Let's confine our population so far as we can to our own race," he said.

Mr. Spooner replied to the charge that the bill is in the interest of the sugar trust, referring to the different motives attributed by the opponents of the bill to the senators who favor it.

"Some of them," he said, "say we are sincere, but stupid; others that we are able but dishonest. As to which of these accusations is correct," he concluded, "we will leave them to settle with their Democratic colleagues who support the bill."

Mr. Spooner contended that all revenue measures should originate in the House of Representatives, and said that he did not see how Mr. Lodge could reconcile the bill for the free admission of hides with this requirement.

Mr. Hoar d'd not agree with Mr. Spooner that the President and the Senate could not make treaties affecting the revenue without the assent of the House of Representatives. He did not, however, believe in the policy of treaties affecting the tariff, and contended that direct legislation was easier of accomplishment than the exchange of treaties.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

House of Representatives.

Central Amerian affairs were discussed in the House to-day and also pensions, industrial and agricultural conditions and labor. The session lasted more than four hours, the House being in committee of the whole almost the entire time on the pension appropriation bill, on which no conclusion was reached. Mr. Lind, Democrat, Minnesota, referring to an editorial published in a home paper, which he said reflected on his relations with Mr. Williams, the minority leader, stated that he desired to say that his relations with Mr. Williams were of the most cordial character.

Mr. Gibson, Republican, Tennessee, said the President had pursued a wise and prudent course in connection with the Panama canal. He declared that the South was prospering under the present laws and would prosper under a Republican isthmian canal. He said the tariff was like a pair of suspenders—too tight in some places and too loose in others, but very needful just the same.

Mr. Dinsmore, Democrat, Arkansas, said the President had done wrong in not taking up the Nicaragua route, declaring the canal law had been violated.

Mr. Hitt, Republican, Illinois, replying to Mr. Dinsmore, said: "After a treaty by which we generously gave ten millions at their demand had been rejected with a bald and palpable spirit of blackmailing us out of fifteen million more, the gentleman from Arkansas says he would yield to it," adding, "I will certify that all the Democrats and all the Republicans would give President Roosevelt withering execration and hissing scorn if he submitted to that blackmail."

Mr. Livernish, Democrat, California, attacked the reports of the Bureau of Labor as "kid glove" reports, because he said he saw evidence of kid gloves and not the axe. "One of the greatest enemies of organized labor," he declared, "is Carroll D. Wright, with his distorted figures." He spoke of Mr. Payne, of New York, as the "walking delegate" of the majority side. He declared that there should be no Rockefellers or Carnegies.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

WARM WIRELETS

The torpedo flotilla, which is ultimately destined for Manila, sailed for Key West from Port Royal, S. C., yesterday.

Fire at Lawrenceville, Ga., consumed six buildings in the principal portion of this town, causing a loss of over $30,000, and severe and perhaps serious injuries to two prominent citizens.

Dr. Lapponi

Physician to the Late Pope Leo XIII., and Now Physician in Ordinary to Pope Pius X., Finds

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(Signed) PROF. GIUSEPPI LAPPONI,
Principal Physician of the Hospital of San Giovanni Calibrita (del Fatebene Fratelli) in Rome, Member of the Academy of Medicine of Rome, etc., etc.

Dr. A. Gabriel Pouchet, *Professor of Pharmacology and Materia Medica of the Faculty of Medicine, Paris; Director of the Laboratory of the Consulting Committee of Public Hygiene of France*, in an analytical report, dated Paris, February 12th, 1897, demonstrates beyond question the solvent and eliminating power of BUFFALO LITHIA WATER in vesical and renal calculi, and, at the same time, strongly confirms the claim made by Dr. Lapponi for this water in Gout, Rheumatism and all troubles dependent upon an Uric Acid Diathesis.

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Xmas Suggestions for the Holidays.

You cannot afford to spend days and hours in search of Christmas Presents. You will look the city over and find no better assortment or better value than in this Store. In all articles our line is complete and you get your money's worth and prices within the reach of all.

Our Rugs, Carpets, Art Squares and Mattings are Fine.

Attention is called to the assortments of Fancy Goods, Neckwear, Dress Patterns and trimmings to match.

Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas are the best.

Our Chinaware is something to think of.

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Fancy Table Linens, Scarfs, Tray Covers and Fancy Doylies; all kinds of hemstitched goods for presents.

Blankets, Robes, Comforts, Couch Covers, Portiers, Pillow Tops, Sofa Pillows; too numerous to mention.

We want to close out our Furs and Cloaks for the season.

We invite you all to see them.

We are Agents for A. Reker's Perfumes and Toilet Requisites.
We are Agents for Butterick's Patterns.
We are Agents for the American Lady Corset.
Our goods are all substantial for Presents and the best that the market can afford. Make us a visit and judge for yourself. dec 16 tf

Do You Need a Tuxedo Suit for the Holidays?

If so, let us have your order at once.

We have many things to offer our friends and patrons, which would not only make handsome but useful Xmas Presents.

We are showing a swell line of Neckwear.

Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

Umbrellas and Canes.

M. H. Curran.

Merchant Tailor and Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hotel.
dec 16 tf

Fishblate Receivership.

Summons has been issued for a meeting of creditors in the Fishblate Clothing Co. receivership to be held in the Court House Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The hearing was originally set for yesterday afternoon but owing to the absence in Raleigh of Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, one of the counsel for Mr. Fishblate, the matter was deferred until January.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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10,000 Florida Oranges 25 cents dozen or $1 75 per hundred. E. Warren & Son. dec 17 1t

A Good Christmas present to give your friend is a Welsbach reading Lamp. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co. dec 17 1t

$3 00 will buy a Welsbach Drop Light, the best light for reading. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company. dec 16 1t

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 30 tf

For Sale—House and lot on the southeast corner of Second and Ann streets. All improvements. Lot 66 by 104. A good chance to secure a home. For terms apply to Dick & Sally, Real Estate and Insurance, 110 Princess street. dec 16 2t

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

At Vann's Cigar Store—Nice line of novelties in smoker's supplies for holiday gifts and personal use. See our windows for daily display and announcements. dec 13 1 f

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 12 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Selter, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 12 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 213 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

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ORANGES.

15,000 Oranges.
9,500 C. C. Nuts.
4,700 lbs Raisins.
2,100 lbs Mixed Nuts.
110 bbls Baldwin Apples.
1,850 lbs Calif'nia Peaches
2,100 lbs N. C. Apples.
103 Boxes Broken Candy.
219 " Plain Candy.
187 Pails Mixed Candy.

W. B. COOPER,

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have advanced, but you will find our prices exceedingly low. Write us for quotations or send us your orders. We handle Navassa Guanos, Armour's, Acme and other brands. Also Acid Phosphate and German Kainit. Xmas Holiday Goods—Raisins, Oranges, Mixed Nuts, Cocoanuts, Apples. Broken Candy, Penny Goods. Full line of heavy Groceries such as Meat, Lard, Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Corn, Oats, Hay, Bagging and Ties. Shall be glad to have your orders and will make prices attractive.

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First comes the little ones who wish Old Santa to bring them a bag of toys. Old Santa Claus has given us a great assortment of Toys to keep for him and we have them nicely displayed in our store where you can easily make your selection of whatever you may want. Little folks are cordially invited to come down and leave their order for Santa with us and we will have them filled to the best of our ability. Our assortment of Dolls is by far larger and better than we have ever shown before. We have a handsome line of hand-made Dolls that are beauties. Ladies who wish Dolls that are up-to-date, with real hair, can get them from us from $1 to $6 each.

In our men's clothing department we are making special efforts to sell clothing. Our stock was never better nor more complete. We have suits for everybody; suits that fit, and suits that wear. We sell Silverman's clothes that are equal to tailor-made suits, and the prices are right. We have them from $8 up $15. They have every point of excellence that tailor-made suits have—padding, lining, fit and style; the only difference is in the price, and that is in your favor. Why not save money? "A dollar saved is a dollar made." We have as good clothing as other merchants and sell it cheaper, mainly from the fact that we do not have to depend sorely on the clothing business; but it only represents one line among many others. We have good strictly all wool suits that we sell for $5, and good suits even cheaper if you desire them. A serviceable, well made suit as low as $2.98, $3.50 and $4.25. And overcoats, too; our sales have been wonderful. We have just received two large shipments of new coats; we can fit you up in a good coat for $5, and a splendid Oxford grey, all wool coat, full length and serviceable, at $6.50. Well, our $8 and $10 coats are beauties. We are making a special run on the boys' suits; we are selling $4 suits that are beautiful patterns, strictly all wool, for boys from 7 to 16 years old, for $2.98. A big line of boys' all wool pants, every seam taped and patent waist bands, as low as 50c a pair; something real nice in boys' pants at 75c, and something extra nice at 98.

Gents' Fancy Vests.

For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3 50 each.

Rain Proof Coats.

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $3.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, laundried and unlaundried shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 40c. and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 25c. imported hose at 12½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents, ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1 25 hat for 75c; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $2 hat for $1 25 These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

Our Millinery Department.

In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 40c a roll; No 22 we sell at 10c a yard; Nos. 40 and 60 we sell at 15c a yard; No 80 at 20c a yard; we have all kinds of ribbon for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. In ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1 25 and our fine velvet hats that are $3 25 values are $1 50.

Ladies' Cloaks.

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At close of business November 17th, 1903.
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RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$1 023 833 05		Capital Stock	$125,000 00
Bonds	313 5 0 00		Surplus, etc	153 126 85
Real Estate	30,000 00		Circulation	125 000 00
Cash in Vault	$ 76 767 76		Deposits	1,346,466 29
In other Banks	336,040 33	409,772 09		
Total		$1,779,405 14	Total	$1,779 405 14

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Pants to fit anybody, any size and length.

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